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A 1999 annual school construction survey for New Jersey reveals that the state's voters approved 71.3 percent of the school construction elections, more than the previous year's approval rate of 60 percent. Construction costs also influenced regional approval rates which varied from 59.5 percent in the north to 89.3 percent in the south. Despite heavier approval rates, gaining voter approval for major construction was still difficult. While 70 percent of all construction plans were approved, only 56.3 percent called for new school buildings. Nearly one-third of the referenda on the 1999 ballot represented second, third, and fourth attempts at passage, and despite changes to increase the likelihood of passage, nearly 30 percent were still rejected by voters. Lower-cost proposals, usually focusing on repairs and facility upgrading, were approved more readily than proposals calling for additions or new construction. Statistical results from the survey are provided. (GR)

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MOST SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SPENDING DIRECTED TO ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS—NJSBA ANNUAL SURVEY

TRENTON, February 23, 2000—The majority of the $1.199 billion in proposed school construction spending placed on the ballot during 1999 called for additions, renovations and repairs, rather than new school buildings, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

The Association's third annual survey of school construction elections in New Jersey reveals that, in 1999, voters approved more than $779.8 million of the $1.199 billion proposed for facilities. The results reflect a higher approval rate in 1999, 71.3%, than in the previous year when voters approved 60% of construction referenda.

In all, 89 school construction proposals appeared on the ballot in New Jersey communities from January through December of 1999. That total is 14 more than in 1998.

Repairs, Additions. "What tells the largest story is the type of proposals that local school boards placed on the ballot," explained Charles V. Reilly, NJSBA president. "Construction ballot questions usually consist of several components, so that a single proposal can call for new construction, renovation of an existing facility and repairs. Almost 70% of the proposals in 1999 sought renovation or repair, such as roof replacement, and heating, plumbing and electrical repairs. Renovations are more expensive on a square-foot basis than new construction because of the type of architectural work involved."

Only 19% of the proposals called for construction of totally new school buildings. However, more than three-quarters of the proposals called for additions to existing structures.

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"This is important information for Governor Whitman and the Legislature to consider," said Reilly, pointing out that state leaders are preparing a multi-billion-dollar program to provide loans and financing for school construction. "To be effective, that plan has to make allowances for the higher cost per square foot of renovations and repairs," he noted.

Pent-Up Demand. The larger number of school construction proposals in 1999 illustrates the increasing need for upgraded facilities statewide, according to the NJSBA president. "Current demand is pent up as school boards wait for the state's program to go into effect," he said. "However, many school districts have not been able to wait for the state program, especially when their construction plans involve health and safety. That's why making the school construction program retroactive is vitally important."

Reilly noted that the current Senate and Assembly versions of the state construction legislation would apply state aid retroactively to school construction plans approved since September 1998.

Regional Differences. On a regional basis, construction proposals fared best in the state's seven southern-most counties where voters approved 25 out of 28 referenda (89.3%). In northern New Jersey, voters passed 59.5% of the 37 questions on the ballot. Voters in central New Jersey school districts approved 68.8% of the 24 referenda.

According to Reilly, one factor in the disparate results may be higher construction costs in the northern New Jersey-New York metropolitan area.

Gaining Approval Difficult. "The increasing percentage of the referenda approved shows that citizens clearly recognize the need for school facility improvement," said Reilly, noting that Governor Whitman has placed the cost for needed school facilities in New Jersey at $10 billion.

"However, it is still not easy for school districts to gain voter approval. For example, although more than 70% of all construction plans were approved, only 56.3% of those calling for new school buildings—as opposed to additions or renovation—gained voter support."

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In addition, nearly one-third of the referenda on the ballot in 1999 represented the second, third or fourth attempt of a school district to gain voter approval of a facility proposal, Reilly pointed out. "Many of these school boards found it necessary to reduce their plans or change them in some other way. But even with those changes, nearly 30% of the proposals were rejected by voters on the second, third or fourth try."

Residential Development. Proposals for new schools and additions often result from increased enrollment, particularly in developing communities, Reilly noted.

"These communities often find it difficult to pay for necessary school facilities," he said. "The situation underscores the need to give municipalities the authority to assess educational impact fees against builders to help pay for new facilities required by the increased enrollment brought on by residential development."

Other results from the New Jersey School Boards Association's third annual survey of construction referenda included the following:

- December was the most popular month for construction proposals with 23 on the ballot statewide. October (15), April (13), February (11), and September (9) followed December. During the five most popular months, referenda fared best in April (86.4% approved), followed by September (83.3% approved), February (72.2% approved), October (66.7% approved) and December (56.5% approved).

- Proposals of $5 million or less fared best with voters, with 21 out of 24 plans in that price range gaining approval. (Lower-cost proposals tend to focus on repairs and facility upgrading, rather than additions or new construction.) Just over half of the 21 referenda in the $15 million to $30 million range received voter approval. However, five out of the six referenda that totaled more than $30 million passed.

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The 1999 survey of school construction referenda represents the third such effort by the New Jersey School Boards Association. NJSBA collected information for its report primarily through a survey of business administrators in school districts identified by county boards of election or county clerks as having conducted construction referenda in 1999. The project represents the only compilation of statewide school construction election results.

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The New Jersey School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local boards of education. Established more than 80 years ago, NJSBA represents the education and related health and safety interests of New Jersey's 1.2 million public school students and advocates the positions of the state's local school districts. The Association also provides inservice training and technical assistance to the state's 4,800 local board of education members. School board members, who serve without compensation, are the largest group of elected and appointed public officials in the state.

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Overview: 1999, 1998,1997

	1999	1998	1997
# of Elections	89	75	74
# of Proposals Approved	63.5*	45	39
% of Proposals Approved	71.3%	60%	52.7%
Total Spending Proposed	$1.199 billion	$893.919 million	$867.91 million
Total Spending Approved	$779.867 million	$487.215 million	$473.91 million
% Spending Approved	65%	54.5%	54.6%
Voter Turnout	24.76%	26.64%	28% (based on 30 of 74 elections)

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* In one district where the referendum consisted of two questions, voters approved one proposition and defeated the other.

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What School Districts Need

PROJECT TYPE *	BALLOT PROPOSALS **	APPROVAL RATE
Additions/ Expansion	69 of the 89 construction plans on the ballot in 1999 (77.5%) called for adding classrooms, science laboratories, media centers or other expansion to existing buildings.	**72.5%** (50 out of 69) of the ballot questions calling for additions or expansion gained voter approval.
Renovation/ Repairs	60 of the 89 proposals (67.4%) called for replacing or upgrading heating, plumbing, ventilation or electrical systems; repairing or replacing roofs; upgrading instructional or athletic facilities; and/or other structural or system repairs.	**68.3%** (41 out of 60) of questions calling for renovation and/or repair were approved.
New Schools	17 of the 89 questions (19.1%) proposed the construction of new school buildings.	**58.8%** (10 out of 17) of proposals for new schools met with voter approval.
Technology	21 of the 89 proposals (23.6%) sought technology upgrades, such as new equipment, rewiring or structural renovation to accommodate electronic equipment.	**61.9%** (13 out of 21) of questions calling for technology installation or upgrades gained voter approval.

* *This table breaks down the subjects of the 89 construction questions on the ballot during 1999 into four elements (Additions/Expansion; Renovation/Repairs; New Schools; and Technology). The data is based on information provided by school business administrators in the districts that held construction referenda*

** *Most of the 89 proposals included more than one of the four elements (Additions/Expansion; Renovation/Repairs; New Schools; Technologies) addressed in the table above. Therefore, the percentages listed in the second column, under "Ballot Proposals," will add up to more than 100%.*

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RESULTS BY REGION

REGION	% PASSED	% DEFEATED
North	**59.5%** (22)	**40.5%** (15)
Central	**68.8%** (16.5*)	**31.2%** (7.5*)
South	**89.3%** (25)	**10.7%** (3)

North: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren

Central: Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset

South: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

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Second/Third/Fourth Try: 1999

Twenty-nine (29) of the 89 construction questions on the ballot during 1999 represented school districts' second, third and, in one case, fourth attempts to gain voter approval of building/renovation projects.

1999	# Passed	% Passed	# Defeated	% Defeated
All Referenda	63.5 *	71.3%	25.5 *	28.7%
1st Attempt	43	71.7%	17	28.3%
2nd Attempt	10	62.5%	6	37.5%
3rd Attempt	10.5 *	87.5% *	1.5 *	12.5% *
4th Attempt	—	—	1	100.0%

- NJSBA looked at 16 of the 20 school districts where ballot questions succeeded on the second or third try. In these elections, 11 of the facility plans had been reduced in cost from the previous, unsuccessful questions. Five of the successful proposals had been amended and represented higher costs than the previous, unsuccessful questions.
- Of the districts that suffered defeats during 1999, five had indicated (as of December 1999) that they had established another referendum date.

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Amount of Construction Proposal

	1999		1998	
	Passed	Defeated	Passed	Defeated
Above $30M	83.3% (5)	16.7% (1)	57.14% (4)	42.86% (3)
$15M-$30M	52.4% (11)	47.6% (10)	50.0% (4)	50.0% (4)
$10M-$15M	66.7% (5)	33.3% (2.5*)	45.0% (9)	55.0% (11)
$5M-$10M	70.5% (21.5*)	29.5% (9)	72.7% (8)	27.3% (3)
Under $5M	87.5% (21)	12.5% (3)	68.96% (20)	31.04% (9)

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Dates of Construction Proposals—1999

MONTH	# PROPOSALS	% APPROVED
January	2	0%
February	11	72.7%
March	6	83.3%
April	13	86.4%
May	7	85.7%
June	3	100.0%
July	—	—
August	—	—
September	9	83.3%
October	15	66.7%
November	—	—
December	23	56.5%

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Socio-Economic Status

	1999			1998		
	Passed	Defeated	% Passed	Passed	Defeated	% Passed
J	3	1	75%	2	3	40%
I	14	8	63.6%	12	7	63.2%
GH	4	4	50%	7	2	77.8%
FG	9.5*	6.5*	59.4%	7	3	70%
DE	14	4	77.8%	8	1	88.9%
CD	12	1	92.3%	4	10	28.6%
B	6	1	85.7%	3	—	100%
A	1	—	100%	2	2	50%

The above table breaks down bond election results for 1999 and 1998 according to the socio-economic status of school districts. Socio-economic status is based upon the District Factor Groupings developed by the New Jersey State Department of Education. Elements include the salaries and education levels of the citizens within the community. "J" designates the districts of the highest socio-economic status according to the education department's scale. "A" indicates the lowest.

Property Wealth/Personal Income

DISTRICT WEALTH	1999			1998		
	Passed	Defeated	% Passed	Passed	Defeated	% Passed
High	18	12	60%	14	11	56%
Middle/High	14.5*	7.5*	65.9%	12	8	60%
Low/Middle	12	5	70.6%	8	6	57.1%
Low	19	1	95%	11	5	68.8%

The above chart shows bond election results according to the amount of taxable property per pupil within the community and the personal income per pupil.

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Equalized Property Tax Rates

	PASSED	DEFEATED
Below State Average	**61.5%** (29.5*)	**38.5`** (18.5*)
Above State Average	**80%** (28)	**20%** (7)

State average equalized property tax rate in 1999: $2.547.

The table above shows the success and failure rate of construction proposals according to the community's equalized property tax rate. The New Jersey Division of Taxation provided the equalized tax rates.

The figures exclude six regional school districts that encompass both municipalities with above-average equalized tax rates and municipalities with below-average equalized tax rates.

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County: **ATLANTIC**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Atlantic City	12/14	2 new elementary schools and land acquisition for 2 additional schools.	$46	8%	**PASSED:** 1,385 – Yes 442 – No
Hammonton	6/28	New high school; additions and renovations to convert existing h.s. to elementary school; additions and renovations to elementary school.	$33.84	46%	**PASSED:** 1,589 – Yes 1,546 – No
Mainland Regional	4/20	Classroom addition and renovations to existing school.	$6.71	20%	**PASSED:** 1,721 – Yes 1,262 – No
		Construction of aquatic center, improvements to weight room and athletic facilities.	$3.92		**PASSED:** 1,534 – Yes 1,432 – No
Somers Point	3/23	Capital improvements to Jordan Road School.	$0.7	11%	**PASSED:** 576 – Yes 106 – No

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County: **BERGEN**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Allendale	12/14	Additions and renovations to 2 schools; site improvements; installation of technology equipment.	$9.841	38%	**PASSED:** 910 – Yes 656 – No
Carlstadt	12/14	New Pre-K to Grade 4 building; renovations to existing m.s.	$15.3	30%	**DEFEATED:** 381 – Yes 593 – No
Dumont	4/20	Additions to 2 buildings (gym and 6 classrooms)	$2.6	19%	**PASSED:** 1,166 – Yes 686 – No
East Rutherford	1/12	Construct new school and demolish old school on same site.	$8.7	22.4%	**DEFEATED:** 354 – Yes 651 – No
Hackensack	2/9	30 classroom additions (24 in m.s.; 6 in elementary school)	$12.45	13.3%	**PASSED:** 1,236 – Yes 1,040 – No
Harrington Park	10/12	Add classrooms and small instructional space; new gymnasium; eliminate two classrooms and one office trailer.	$6.975	46%	**DEFEATED** 567 – Yes 853 – No
Leonia	12/14	Expansion of high school.	$6.13	12%	**PASSED:** 348 – Yes 297 – No
Mahwah	10/5	New elementary school; wing on h.s.; wing and gym on m.s.; science lab renovations at h.s.	$26.635	23%	**DEFEATED:** 1,231 – Yes 1,856 – No
Montvale	4/20	K-4 school addition (6 Kindergarten rooms, gym, music and art rooms, 3 small group instruction areas, new windows, etc.); Grade 5-8 school renovation (science classrooms, update electrical system, add elevator)	$8.095	37%	**PASSED:** 996 – Yes 657 – No

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SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Park Ridge	10/12	Addition to 2 elementary schools; new electrical service at 2 elementary schools; technology lab at h.s.; field renovations.	$4.577	27.1%	**DEFEATED:** 685 – Yes 783 – No
Park Ridge	12/14	Same as 10/12 election	$4.577	35%	**DEFEATED:** 906 – Yes 1,041 – No
River Edge	1/7	Additions and renovations to 2 schools.	$5.88	38%	**DEFEATED:** 1,129 – Yes 1,179 – No
River Vale	9/28	Building renovation and classroom additions; site improvement. Upgrades include replacement of heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems.	$18.1	43%	**DEFEATED:** 519 – Yes 2,112 – No
Rochelle Park	2/9	Alterations, renovations and additions to elementary school.	$4.19	37%	**PASSED:** 794 – Yes 484 – No
Rutherford	2/9	New m.s. and renovations to other schools.	$22.726	42.58%	**DEFEATED:** 1,371 – Yes 3,119 – No
Tenafly	10/5	Additions to 4 elementary schools; expansion and renovation of m.s. cafeteria and library; additional classrooms at h.s.; districtwide facilities and technology upgrades.	$28.555	41.28%	**DEFEATED:** 1,449 – Yes 1,950 - No
Upper Saddle River	10/5	Renovations and additions to school due to expanding population and dated buildings.	$12.322	60%	**PASSED:** 886 – Yes 580 – No

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County: **BURLINGTON**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Burlington Township	10/5	Expand 2 schools; miscellaneous upgrades.	$17.4	25%	**PASSED:** 1,027 – Yes 570 – No
		Build h.s. auditorium	$4.3		**PASSED:** 937 – Yes 647 – No
Maple Shade	12/7	Renovations and additions	$9.9	17%	**PASSED:** 1,051 – Yes 672 – No
Mount Laurel	5/18	New school for grades K-4; expansion of existing upper elementary and middle schools.	$22.294	23%	**PASSED:** 3,730 – Yes 1,648 – No
Palmyra	12/7	Facility and field upgrades.	$2.8	22%	**PASSED:** 432 – Yes 229 – No
Rancocas Valley Regional	2/16	Additions and renovations	$26	15%	**PASSED:** 1,606 – Yes 1,021 – No
Willingboro	3/30	Replace and repair roofs at 8 schools and 3 other district facilities.	$8.733	8.5%	**PASSED:** 936 – Yes 656 – No

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County: **CAMDEN**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Cherry Hill	3/2	Classrooms at 11 schools; structural/system upgrades at 2 high schools, m.s. and 2 elementary schools; convert administration building to m.s.; convert school to administrative office and alternative h.s.; convert school to early childhood center; renovations/additions at 2 high schools, m.s., and elementary school including science labs, media center, auditorium stage, music center, gymnasium, technology labs and all-purpose room; other renovations/additions.	$52.612	30%	**PASSED:** 6,824 – Yes 5,869 – No
Gloucester Township	5/11	Site acquisition; addition to elementary school; elementary school gym; other capital improvements.	$17.46	7.1%	**PASSED:** 1,532 – Yes 613 – No
Haddonfield	12/14	Roof replacement, electrical service upgrades, technology upgrades; cafeteria equipment; grounds improvements.	$2.335	18%	**PASSED:** 988 – Yes 499 – No

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SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Lindenwold	3/9	New high school; repairs to middle school.	$23.229	15%	**PASSED:** 638 – Yes 382 – No
Sterling Regional	3/9	Additions/ alterations	$5.8	27%	**PASSED:** 1,807 – Yes 769 – No
			$3.2		**PASSED:** 1,612 – Yes 943 – No
Winslow Township	5/18	Additions/renovations to Junior-Senior H.S.	$26.3	8.95%	**PASSED:** 1,092 – Yes 596 – No

County: **CAPE MAY**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Ocean City	4/20	Renovation and expansion of Ocean City High School	$24.466	41%	**DEFEATED:** 2,183 – Yes 2,187 – No
Ocean City	12/14	Renovation and expansion of Ocean City High School.	$24.466	49.6%	**DEFEATED:** 2,492 – Yes 2,872 – No
Upper Township	10/5	10 classrooms; 2 science labs; music room; guidance/ child study office; extension of gym to accommodate visual and performing arts.	$3.099	17%	**PASSED:** 854 – Yes 543 – No

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County: **CUMBERLAND**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Millville	2/9	Construct, equip and furnish a gymnasium with connecting corridor to school and a fine and performing arts center.	$5	3.55%	**DEFEATED:** 951 – Yes 2,618 – No

County: **ESSEX**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Livingston	12/14	Renovations and additions to elementary and middle schools.	$24.15	13%	**PASSED:** 1,588 – Yes 735 – No
Millburn	12/14	Additions to h.s. and m.s.; alterations and site improvements to existing parts of those schools; furniture and equipment for additions; roof, window, boiler replacements and other capital improvements districtwide.	$15.4985	17.57%	**PASSED:** 1,584 – Yes 653 – No

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County: **GLOUCESTER**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Logan Township	4/20	New K-1 facility; addition/renovation to elementary school (large group instruction area, science lab, science classroom and computer lab)	$7.86	10%	**PASSED:** 269 – Yes 68 – No
Mantua Township	10/12	Additions/renovations to 2 schools including new classrooms and multi-purpose rooms, upgrading of building systems and restroom facilities; renovations to a 3rd school; and site improvements, including upgrading of athletic and parking facilities.	$15.876	24%	**PASSED:** 1,334 – Yes 666 – No
National Park	10/12	Building renovations	$4.11	30%	**PASSED:** 305 – Yes 226 – No
Westville	12/2	9 additional classrooms, plus renovations	$1.111	8.6%	**PASSED:** 172 – Yes 48 – No

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County: **HUNTERDON**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Bethlehem Township	12/14	Renovation and expansion	$9.997	41.1%	**DEFEATED:** 240 – Yes 635 – No
Clinton Town	10/7	Four ballot questions involving 6 additional classrooms, renovations to original building and HVAC upgrades	$2.72	36.1%	**PASSED:** 275 – Yes 236 – No
			$0.28		**PASSED:** 262 – Yes 221 – No
			$0.35		**PASSED:** 299 – Yes 187 – No
			$0.3		**PASSED:** 285 – Yes 204 – No
Delaware Township	10/5	New gym, renovations, science rooms, classrooms	$5.7	31%	**PASSED:** 470 – Yes 451 – No
Flemington-Raritan Regional	9/28	Additions/renovations to m.s.; renovation of elementary school library; installation of educational interactive technology; furniture and equipment.	$5.832	11.6%	**PASSED:** 890 – Yes 550 – No
Tewksbury	12/14	Construct new K-4 school (82,000 sq. ft.)	$13.75	27%	**DEFEATED:** 475 – Yes 532 – No

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HUNTERDON County *continued*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
West Amwell	5/11	Electrical, plumbing, heating, ADA repairs; multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen; resource center; interior renovations.	$3.83		DEFEATED: 219 – Yes 479 – No
		2 new classrooms and septic system (if # 1 passes)	$0.905	48%	DEFEATED: 193 – Yes 383 – No
		New music room and pre-school handicapped classroom (if # 1 & 2 pass)	$0.47		DEFEATED: 171 – Yes 398 – No
West Amwell	9/28	Electrical, plumbing, heating, ADA repairs; new septic; two-classroom addition.	$2.5		PASSED: 472 – Yes 222 – No
		Pre-school handicapped classroom, music room, multi-purpose room, lavatories, interior renovations.	$5.205	46.4%	DEFEATED: 271 – Yes 420 – No

County: **MIDDLESEX**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Edison	4/20	6-room additions at 5 schools (1 elementary, 2 m.s., 2 h.s.)	$8	17.6%	PASSED: 5,501 – Yes 2,666 – No
Monroe Twp.	4/20	New elementary school; renovations and additions to 3 elementary schools.	$24.5	20.7%	PASSED: 2,057 – Yes 1,659 – No
Sayreville	2/10	Addition to elementary school, 9 classrooms, media center, computer room, 'gymtorium'	$4.945	18.6%	PASSED: 2,110 – Yes 1,849 – No
South Brunswick	10/5	200-student addition to upper elementary school; K-5 school construction and land acquisition; 500-student h.s. addition.	$46.99	25.7%	PASSED: 2,937 – Yes 1,927 – No
South Plainfield	12/14	New 600-pupil elementary school; 10-classroom addition to, and reopening of closed elementary school; technology upgrades; electrical upgrades; new track.	$22.511	18.36%	DEFEATED: 952 – Yes 1,224 – No

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County: **MONMOUTH**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Freehold Regional H. S. District	12/14	Additions and renovations to all 6 high schools	$68.92	6%	**PASSED:** 3,882 –Yes 3,856 – No
Hazlet	9/14	Additions to Union Ave. Middle School, Raritan High School and Sycamore Drive School and renovations to other five district schools.	$7.775	13.4%	**PASSED:** 1,407 – Yes 318 – No
Howell Township	2/9	Upgrade electrical power distribution systems, receptacles, computer networking system, telephones, sound system, TV system, media retrieval system; purchase of computer hardware compatible with those systems; related projects.	$7.88	14.02%	**PASSED:** 1,941 – Yes 1,877 – No
Keyport	9/14	Additional rooms on Central School to comply with Early Childhood Ed. requirement; renovation to H. S.; technology plan.	$4.95	20%	**PASSED:** 508 – Yes 314 – No
Monmouth Beach	12/7	Renovate existing facility and build an addition	$5.7	42.9%	**DEFEATED:** 534 – Yes 606 – No
Spring Lake	9/14	Addition and renovation	$2.5	35%	**PASSED:** 510 – Yes 408 – No

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County: **MORRIS**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Boonton Township	12/14	Addition to Rockaway Valley School; 6 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room	$3.1	32%	PASSED: 568 – Yes 302 – No
District of Chathams	9/28	Additions to each of the six schools	$25.225	48.5%	PASSED: 3,471 – Yes 2,656 – No
Mendham Township	6/29	Additions and renovations to the elementary and middle schools	$6.791	18.95%	PASSED: 542 – Yes 214 – No
Roxbury	10/5	Additions and renovations to all schools, including acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment and site work.	$21.75	29.7%	DEFEATED: 1,896 – Yes 2,048 – No

County: **OCEAN**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Barnegat	3/16	New K-5 school	$9.5	22.2%	PASSED: 1,040 – Yes 831 – No
Brick Twp.	4/20	3-classroom addition to elementary school	$.595	10.2%	PASSED: 2,739 – Yes 1,694 – No

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County: **PASSAIC**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Clifton	4/20	Additions and purchase of property for a new elementary school.	$1.9	15.35%	PASSED: 2,815 – Yes 2,342 – No
Hawthorne	4/20	Expansion of one elementary school and one middle school. Renovation and repair of all five schools.	$10.765	25.65%	DEFEATED: 1,312 – Yes 1,333 – No
Hawthorne	9/21	Expansion of one elementary school and one middle school. Renovation and repair of all five schools	$10.475	25.6%	PASSED: 1,598 – Yes 1,226 – No
Lakeland Regional	3/16	Health and safety, infrastructure and technology	$7	15%	DEFEATED: 932 – Yes 1,382 – No
Lakeland Regional	12/14	Health and safety, infrastructure and technology	$7	12%	DEFEATED: 903 – Yes 1,085 – No
Passaic Co. Reg. H.S. District #1	4/20	Renovation of science labs; reconstruction of west wing roof and technology improvements	$0.95	1.3%	PASSED: 1,320 – Yes 1,184 – No
Prospect Park	10/5	Reconstruction and additions to School #1	$8.897	15%	PASSED: 281 – Yes 145 – No
Wayne	4/20	Improvement of Ryerson Elementary, Theunis Desy Elementary, and Fallon Schools	$6.691	15.5%	PASSED: 2,794 – Yes 1,687 – No

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County: **SALEM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Oldmans	10/12	School to replace existing building (c. 1914/1956) and provide K-8 at one location. Includes cafeteria, kitchen, media center, classrooms and offices.	$4.785	45.1%	**PASSED:** 239 – Yes 237 – No
Penns Grove-Carneys Point Reg.	12/14	Addition to elementary school to accommodate Early childhood ed. requirement; construction of administration building.	$9.5	13.5%	**PASSED:** 536 – Yes 397- No
		Construction of athletic complex.	$1.975		**PASSED:** 494 – Yes 251 - Yes
Pittsgrove	2/25	41,000-sq. ft. addition to middle schools (25 classrooms, 4 science labs, computer room, music room, graphic arts room); renovation to accommodate lockers.	$6.955	32.1%	**PASSED:** 934 – Yes 586 – No
Quinton	12/14	Addition for preschool/media center/child study team office	$2.315	17.4%	**PASSED:** 171 – Yes 83 – No

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County: **SOMERSET**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Bridgewater Raritan	12/14	Expansion of high school and K-8 technology improvements	$22.935	12.45%	**DEFEATED:** 1,467 – Yes 1,509 – No
Franklin Township	12/14	To build a new high school and make improvements to existing schools	$85.886	24.33%	**DEFEATED:** 2,196 – Yes 2,938 – No
		To build a community/school swimming pool.	$3.7		**DEFEATED:** 1,872 – Yes 3,216 – No
South Bound Brook	5/11	Addition to Brampton School to close other 2 buildings	$7.791	37%	**PASSED:** 343 – Yes 269 – No
Warren Township	6/29	Renovation and addition to Middle School and Mt. Horeb School	$9.8	19.54%	**PASSED:** 862 – Yes 564 – No

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County: **SUSSEX**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Andover Regional	9/28	Addition and renovations to Long Pond School. Also, roof replacement, new well, upgraded electrical, new gym, cafeteria, music, art rooms, computer lab, science/demo lab.	$8.902	23.7%	**PASSED:** 613 – Yes 183 – No
Kittatinny Regional	2/23	Addition to H.S. for more classrooms and and renovations and upgrades of high school	$7.552	29.2%	**PASSED:** 1,284 – Yes 1,040 – No

County: **UNION**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Kenilworth	5/18	HVAC renovations; new heating/AC systems in both district buildings	$3.980	13%	**PASSED:** 506 – Yes 85 – No
New Providence	5/18	Addition to buildings and renovations	$4.4	20.69%	**PASSED:** 910 – Yes 558 – No

County: **WARREN**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Hope Township	2/9	Addition of all-purpose room, 2 classrooms, elevator, food service area	$2.78	54%	**PASSED:** 314 – Yes 313 – No
Washington Borough	2/23	Expansion of Memorial School	$2.995	20.4%	**DEFEATED:** 182 – Yes 414 – No